

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-33 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-12 and 18-23 to Group I as being drawn to a wireless communication system to obtain data from an asset, the Examiner restricted claims 13-17 to Group II as being drawn to a programmable interface device, and the Examiner restricted claims 8-24 to Group III as being drawn to a method of enabling the user to program a common interface through the programming station.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-12 and 18-23 of Group 1. Therefore, Applicant has canceled claims 13-17 and 24-33 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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